

Application No. 10/647,600
Docket No. 2002U014.US
Amendment after Withdrawal from Issue

Remarks

The Applicant thanks Examiner Lu for her phone call to Kevin M. Faulkner, of September 1, 2004, raising a concern over the pending application.

Amendments to Claims 1, 20 and 35 are proposed to overcome the prior art cited by the Examiner. The Claim amendment --Bronsted acid--, modifying the term "fluoriding agent", derives from the specification as filed at page 20, paragraph [0050]. No new matter is believed to be added.

Examiner Lu raised a concern with respect to the claims as they stood on allowance over E.F. Murphy et al. in *Organometallic Fluorides: Compounds Containing Carbon—Metal—Fluorine Fragments of d-Block Metals*, 97 CHEM. REV. 3425-3468 (1997), in particular, the data in Table 5 of page 3440. As discussed with the Examiner, *Murphy* does not disclose the invention as proposed in the agreed-to amendment; in particular, the use of a "Bronsted acid" fluoriding agent to add fluoride groups to a "nitrogenous" metallocene is not disclosed in *Murphy*. For example, BF_3 is not a Bronsted acid. Thus, the Applicant believes that the currently proposed amendments would overcome the concerns of the Examiner.

It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned agent, or Kevin Faulkner if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

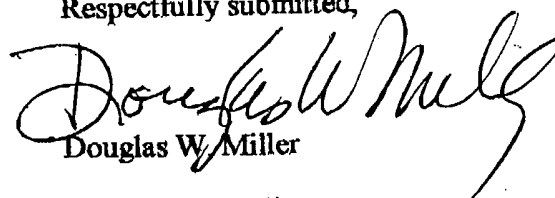
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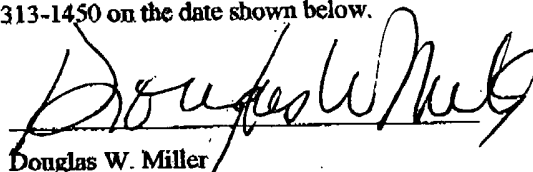
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